

Reese Returns to France to Host Marseille Web Fest Awards

Charles Reese will host and present the inaugural Michael Ajakwe Jr., Pioneer Award at the 8th Edition of the Marseille Web Fest 2018



Los Angeles, Oct 5, 2018 ([IssueWire.com](http://www.IssueWire.com)) - Actor, Author and Cultural Architect, **Charles Reese** returns to France to host the closing ceremony awards and present the inaugural ***"Michael Ajakwe Jr., Pioneer Award"*** for the 8th edition of the Marseille Web Fest/International Festival of Digital Short Series on ***Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 7:30pm - 9:00pm at the Grand Room. Théâtre Joliette Minoterie. 2 Place Henri Verneuil, Marseille, France 13002.***

Founder and President of the Marseille Web Fest, Jean Michel Albert says, " *We are very excited to welcome back the very talented Charles Reese to host our closing ceremony awards and present our newest annual award to pay homage to our colleague and dear friend, Michael Ajakwe, Jr.*" The Marseille Web Fest will be honoring the late founder of the Los Angeles Web Series Festival--Emmy Award winning writer-producer, Michael Ajakwe, Jr. He created the first web series festival in the world in 2010 and was instrumental in helping to launch the Marseille Web Fest in 2011. In addition, Ajakwe's web series, *WHO* (*adapted to a TV series, Beauty and The Baller for BET Networks, a division of Viacom*) was a part of the first web series festival in Marseille which co-starred Charles Reese. Ajakwe also served as the Honorary President for the Marseille Web Fest from 2012 - 2015 and received a special medallion from the mayor of Marseille.

Reese states, "*This is a full circle moment for me as I participated in the first Marseille Web Fest with my friend and producer, Michael Ajakwe Jr. Returning to host this year and presenting a new annual award in Michael's name means a great deal to me, his wife, Tammy Ajakwe and the entire Ajakwe family.*" The Michael Ajakwe Jr., Pioneer Award marks the fifth award named in his honor from the International Web Series Community which Ajakwe championed and nurtured for many years prior to his passing on May 31, 2018 from pancreatic cancer in Los Angeles, CA.

The 8th Annual Marseille Web Fest/International Festival of Digital Short Series will take place from ***October 18-20, 2018 at Théâtre Joliette Minoterie. 2 Place Henri Verneuil Marseille, France 13002.*** For complete details on screenings and programs, please visit: www.marseillewebfest.com

About Charles Reese

Reese co-starred as Jalil the feisty chef on Season One of the TV sitcom, *Beauty and the Baller*, (BET Her fka BET-Centric TV). The show is based on the web series, *WHO*, created by the late Emmy winning writer-producer and the founder of the LA WebFest, Michael Ajakwe Jr., A thespian and performance artist for more than 25 years, Reese is known in the theatrical circles for his critically-acclaimed Off-Broadway performance in Howard Simon's production of *James Baldwin: A Soul on Fire*. Critic David DeWitt of The New York Times called the play, "...funny, thrilling and wise, buoyed by the passionate performance of Charles Reese in the lead role." Reese is a founding associate and Board of Advisor member for the Los Angeles Web Series Festival (www.lawebfest.com). For more information on Reese, please email: TheCharlesReeseExp@gmail.com.

<https://youtu.be/m3cgGOB8ZXA>

About Marseille WebFest

Since its creation in 2011, the Marseille Web Fest has remained faithful to its founding purpose: to reveal and highlight digital series to serve the changing digital, promote the development of the industry in the world or just celebrate the digital series internationally. Through its official selection, the festival showcases the diversity of creation and wishes to be above all an incubator of new talent and serves as a springboard to creativity. For more information, visit: www.marseillewebfest.com

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